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Symbolism & Design

The name AutonomatriX is derived from the words autonomy and matrix to represent a self-directed and self-governing repository of information. The emblem of the Auto-nomatriX is a circular blade with eight teeth providing a background to t he glyph of Eris turned on its side.

The AutonomatriX is a networking chaos magic guild of those striving to discover and rejuvenate magical ideas and technical skills with success as the only key to validation. We do not discriminate on the basis of lifestyle, gender, affiliation, race, or sexuality. We seek to interact with creative magicians who are pushing boundaries instead of being trapped by them. We are a guild composed of working craftspeople, whereas an order/lodge/clique is generally an exclusive membership of supplicants.

The time of centralized info-banks is at an end; the nature of "classified" or "secret" information is that it is more often limiting than useful to the collector, and only profitable to the banker of such media. Hierarchical structures are unnecessary and undesired; checks and balances regarding membership are determined by an individual's interaction with the rest of the group rather than personal prejudices or acceptance for any member by any other member. The principles "sink or swim" and "(inter)action equals life" are applicable to this magical guild, as in any network.

Access to the AutonomatriX

When a candidate has made intentional contact with a member of the AutonomatriX (called the "AX"), that member sponsors the candidate himself and provides all pertinent information about that candidate e to another member as soon as is possible for co-sponsorship. Alternatively, if for any reason the member chooses not to sponsor the candidate after the initial inquiry, that member must send the information to two other members, one of whom is the member nearest to the candidate's geographic locale. Ideally, the two sponsors would be geographically

separated from one another. All inquirers will be provided with the current AX manifesto by any member who accepts sponsorship of that candidate at the onset of their relationship. The suggested sponsorship period is three months, at the end of which the co-sponsors mutually decide upon whether or not initiation should take place.

The sponsored candidate is requested to provide information regarding any personal magical work done in a journal or magical record. The candidate may in turn be given any part of the Corpus Fecundi other than the Contacts Listing (see below) that the sponsors deem appropriate at any time. Initiation may be performed by one or both of the sponsors and/or an y other members of the AX with the consent of the sponsors. The candidate must provide a record of a magical working which has resulted in manifestation of the intent at least two times, and design a self-initiation ritual. All initiation s must be performed in person. At the climax of the initiation, the new member is handed the current Contacts Listing (on a scroll) and the remainder of the Corpus Fecundi.

The Corpus Fecundi

The Corpus Fecundi comprises a record of research, technical experimentation and ritual methods that have arisen since the emergence of this guild of Chaos. The entirety of this information is provided only after a period of sponsorship resulting in initiation and excludes non-requested information of a political or genealogical nature.

It is the personal responsibility of each member of the AX to update their copy of the Corpus Fecundi as new information becomes available. An active member of the AX is any person who is on the Contacts Listing. All information for inclusion into the Corpus Fecundi is transferred throughout the network on at least a quarterly basis.

The Corpus Fecundi consists of three parts, as follows:

The first part is the "Contacts Listing," which includes all participants in the AX. All are listed by their appellation (any titles may be chosen), mailing address, Working Group and/or Project involvement information, and a brief biography (bio) of personal interests, researches, requests for information on any topic, etc. To remain on the Contacts Listing each member is responsible for making their membership known by interaction with other members. If for any reason this cannot be done, membership requires that the current AX curators are notified of continued participation in the net-work by a work record semi-annually.

The second part is an "Index" of all works currently making up the Corpus Fecundi. All members are responsible for ensuring that their copy is complete via this Index. The author of each item will be listed here, rather than on the items themselves.

The Curators

The issuance of Contacts Listings and Indexes are provided by the AutonomatriX curators, who ensure that each display the name and emblem of the AX upon them. Two curators are randomly chosen on June 27th of each year from volunteers to update and maintain securely the hard-copies and electronic copies of all material in the Corpus Fecundi. The Corpus Fecundi is maintained in its entirety in both formats at all times. Any individual in the network may assume these responsibilities, although no curator may have successive terms of office.

Working Groups

Each member of the AX is encouraged to form autonomous Working Groups. All WGs may be designated by whatever name (Coven, Project, Team, Clan, Temple, Group, Cabal, Tribe, etc.) deemed appropriate by those directly involved. A Working Group is composed of at least two active members of the network and as many nonmembers as desired by them.

Each Working Group is inaugurated by the generation of its own unique manifesto, accepted by all participating in that WG. It must be distributed by the AX members of that group to all on the current Contacts Listing. This particular manifesto should be made as detailed as possible, to outline the WG's objectives and intent, protocol, any offices assumed within the WG's internal structure, and whatever else the WG decides upon. Accompanying the

manifesto should be each participant's signature (of their chosen appellation), mailing address, and bio. The AX will in no way interfere in matters of any Working Group's internal structure or protocol, with the fullest intention being to keep regulation to a minimum in regards to the network's guild structure.

Each WG is encouraged to access any form of media available for wider distribution of ideas and material, and the AX provides encouragement and/or assistance to members who have material suitable for this purpose.

Projects

Projects or Operations which include any member of the AX within or without one's Working Group are to be listed in the Contacts List. An "Operation" is usefully described as an extended working for a specific goal carried out by two or more members of the guild regardless of WG affiliation.

Main Contact Points

It is recommended that each WG and Operation designate a Main Contact Point (or MCP) elected by the members in that Working Group, for response to inquiries and distribution of information. It is the responsibility of the acting MCP of that group to distribute all information for inclusion into the Corpus Fecundi of the members in his Working Group and/or Operation.

Information Transference

Information is distributed throughout the entire active membership of the network in the issuance of the Contacts Listing and Index of the Corpus Fecundi by the AX curators. The authors of any item produced and distributed for inclusion into the Corpus Fecundi are responsible for the distribution of that information throughout the network. Any item may be marked "Private" by its author, and this is understood to mean distribution via the Corpus Fecundi only (not for public consumption). No items intended for the Corpus Fecundi may be marked with the author's appellation, although it is recommended that each item is accompanied by a cover letter providing whatever personal data the author or distributor desires.

Voting

When voting is required within the AX as a whole, all members must provide a written response of yes, no, or abstinence. The votes of each member are then listed beside their name on the next Contacts Listing. A measure's success depends upon at least a two-third's majority of all members of the AutonomatriX. All members are encouraged to voice their own o pinions at all times.

Identification

The AX does not employ any single clue to disclose membership in the guild. However, objects that are easily available are periodically chosen to represent active participation in the network, such as a certain semiprecious stone or a color-specific pen for example. At any time, suggestions may be supplied to a curator for random selection. The identifier is described as briefly as possible at the top of each Contacts Listing. Aside from this, each WG and Operation is encouraged to generate totems and/or fetishes to designate themselves symbolically within the guild.

Accessories

Each Working Group in the AX chooses what ritual accessories are necessary. Some may choose specific forms of jewelry or ritual garments as a group. Each member must possess the current identifier object of the AX in the working area at the time of any meeting attended.

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